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INTOUCH NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 2025

**NOTES FROM THE
CO-PRESIDENT**



As I sit here in the glow of ArtSmart, I have such fond memories of weekend. I must THANK all the people that helped make it possible. Too many to name. Our guest speaker Lennon Bone gave us a lot of food for thought. I saw many old friends and made some new ones. It was Fabulous!

Think about joining the board so you can be involved in planning future ArtSmarts and adding to Best of Missouri Hands. We meet by Zoom every other month. We try to keep meetings to about an hour. A term is for three years.

Best of Missouri Hands is a great artist-based organization.

BOMH Co-President Nancy Brickner

REMINDER

**If you are interested in
becoming more active in BOMH...**

WE NEED YOU!!

Consider joining the board.

Talk to any of our current or past board members to learn more.

Elections coming soon....

If interested in joining the BOMH Board please submit a short bio and an image to admin@bestofmissourihands.org. All questions can also be sent to this email.

TESTIMONY:

It's a great opportunity to be part of this organization. Professional development, outreach, exhibits, grant writing, and networking, BOMH does so much for its members. It takes a strong, core group of volunteers to keep this going!! I highly recommend the experience!!

Juried Clay artist and past president of BOMH, Patty Muenks

ARTSMART 2025 IS IN THE BOOKS



















ArtSmart 2025 is in the books and what a GRAND time we had!! Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, sponsored, volunteered, and in general....just made this a fun filled, educational weekend with friends. THANK YOU!!

If you loved learning from our guest speaker, Lennon Bone, you can follow him on Facebook, Instagram or check out his [YouTube Channel Lennon P. Bone.](#)

Looking forward to ArtSmart 2027! Send your ideas and suggestions to admin@bestofmissourihands.org
Together we can do great things.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ARTSMART SPONSORS

BEST OF MISSOURI HANDS
Thanks you for your
Sponsorship of ArtSmart 2025



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The State of the Arts



COLUMBIA
WHAT YOU UNEXPECTED



Gail and Don Crozier



**Supporting Artists
Since 1959**



Snow Flake Glass.com
"No Two Are Alike"



LOST & FOUND

Did you attend ArtSmart 2025 and come home with everything but a green plastic bag with items you bought from the sales table? I'm looking for the owner of such bag, so I can send it to its rightful owner. Please contact me if you think it's yours so you can identify it's contents.

Peggy King

Email: admin@bestofmissourihands.org

MEMBER NEWS



So pleased to be one of four Watercolor Society Artists included in the current Norton Fine Art Gallery exhibit "Nature's Tune" in May and June. Stop by the gallery on Big Bend to see my 12 watercolor paintings depicting local musicians sharing their joy.
Juried BOMH Painter Linda Green-Metzler



Honored to receive an Honorable Mention in Canton, MO at the Riverbluffs Plein Air, Saturday but even more honored to paint with dear friends and that the painting has a new home.

"Support the Family Farm"

9"x12" oil on linen

En plein air

Juried BOMH painter Veronica Brown



Woohoo! I earned "Best Booth" here at @artsfestonwalnut I did this cute sketch for #mermay2025 of my boy Oreo for the prompt #toebeans

Juried BOMH Painter Mollie Chounard



Vic Mastis was juried into the 46th IAPS Open Division with her 9x12 pastel painting “Looking For Hope” Now online until July 18, 2025 on the IAPS website.

Title: Looking For Hope

Size: 9x12

Medium: Pastel

www.VicMastisArt.com

Juried BOMH Painter Vic Mastis



After months of applications, conversations, image submissions, a live virtual shop inspection and a turning skill assessment demo, I am beyond pleased to announce that I am the first American woodturner to be accepted onto the rolls of the Register of Professional Turners. The RPT comprises skilled woodturning artists and craftspeople who have proven their ability to provide quality and excellence in woodturning. Membership is primarily British but there are several international members, with me being the first from the USA. The vetting process was no joke, I was nervous for sure. This was a pretty big deal for me and I am honored and proud to share the news!

Juried BOMH Wood artist Jeff Hornung



Still can't quite believe this... I've been honored with the Marlin Perkins Award. I'm still feeling overwhelmed—in the best way.

Thank you all for the kind words, messages, comments, and encouragement since receiving the Marlin Perkins Award. I've read every single one, and they've filled my heart.

This award wasn't just a personal milestone—it's a reminder of the community around me. Every like, share, show visit, or conversation has meant something. Thank you for being part of this moment.

This wouldn't have happened without the support of the staff and volunteers of the World Bird Sanctuary—their work, their people, and the birds they care for have changed my life and my art for the better.

I'm so deeply grateful.

BOMH Member Arleana Holtzmann



Best of Missouri Hands Juried Members, Cindy Mutrux (Cindy Lou's Glass Studio) and Michele Spry (Midway Mercantile Co) will be traveling to Las Vegas, NV to participate in the Glass Craft Bead Expo from April 1-5, 2025 (this expo is from April 2-6th) and are super excited to be headed back to learn some new techniques, re-connect with people they have met over the last 4 years and have a little fun in a city we both love!

The Glass Craft and Bead Expo (for those who aren't familiar with it) hosts this event once a year in Las Vegas, NV. It is usually a Tuesday - Sunday time frame and they have over 250 classes ranging from beginner to intermediate. They offer classes in various mediums such as Fused Glass, Stained Glass, Lampworking, SilverSmithing, Silver Clay and much

more! They do a great job of bringing in instructors from all over the United States and some from other countries to teach! Just another great way to continue learning, expanding your experience and connecting with so many amazing and talented people!

You can find out more at www.glasscraftexpo.com and make plans to attend next year!



Thank you AWA. Frolicking Foxes has received the Wildlife Award of Merit from @amwomenartists - American Women Artists online exhibit. I'm honored to be included with so many amazing Women Artists in this exhibit.

BOMH Educator Laura Lebeda

I have been invited and will be participating in:

Twain on Main, Hannibal, MO May 24 & 25

Bentonville Fine Art Festival, Bentonville, AR May 31 & June 1

Juried BOMH Photographer LaDonna Greiner



"Congratulations on being one of our Top Ten winners of our 2025 Artists Over 60 art competition winners. You have won a 1-year access to the Artists Network Membership!"

This is a huge honor! I'm so excited to explore all the art videos, books and magazines available to me with this membership! Also my art will be featured with an article in the May/June 2025 issue of Artists Magazine! Watch for it!

Juried BOMH painter Jan Helton

I have been invited to be the “featured artist” by the Hannibal Arts Council during their Close-up Photography Channel Exhibit May 30th through June 28th, 2025. The exhibit will feature more than two dozen of my digital images projected on a 55-inch television along with up to 5 submissions each from other local photographers. An opening reception is planned for Friday, May 30th from 5-7 pm. The gallery is located at 105 S. Main Street (573-221-6545) in Hannibal 63401 and is open from 12-5p Monday through Friday and 12-2p on Saturdays (closed on Sunday).

Juried BOMH Photographer Lori Purk

**FOR RENT / FOR SALE
BY BOMH MEMBERS**



For Rent

Available as soon as October, 2025
304 2nd Street, Rocheport, MO 65279

OFFERED AT:
\$2,200 per month

ABOUT THIS PROPERTY:

Come and see this beautiful house with so much to offer! Located in historic Rocheport; this property is zoned commercial - perfect for an artist wanting retail space. Landscaping provided.

FEATURES:

- ✓ 4 bedrooms
- ✓ 2 full baths
- ✓ 2,600 sq. ft.

📞 573-808-4724

✉️ aqjira@yahoo.com

HOME/STUDIO SPACE FOR RENT

Rocheport, MO

\$2,200 a month

Zoned Commercial

Registered Historical

This beautifully maintained 185+ year old 2,600 sq ft home in the heart of Rocheport is ideal for those looking for a peaceful, charming location to have an art studio, or offer workshops in a charming setting, with the convenience of living where you work/create.

This home is on the historic registry, while fully updated and thoughtfully restored, you can feel and see the details which keep the magic and history alive throughout. Four bed, two bath, screened porch, lovely backyard...you'll feel like you've escaped to a secret garden as you relax to the sounds of birds chirping and a slight breeze rustling through the tree tops as the fragrance from the many blooming flowers fills the air. Perhaps this is where you'll find your next great inspiration.

Ready to move in? This beauty is partially furnished (optional), landscaping is provided (enjoy all the beauty without the work), Zoned commercial, perfect for a working artist who wants to have a retail space in their home!! Image waking up after a peaceful nights sleep, heading downstairs for a cup of coffee or a little breakfast, then opening your door to welcome customers and clients in for the day, or you get to work in your studio creating to your hearts content...and your commute was merely a flight of stairs.

So many possibilities. Rocheport is a historic river town filled with artists, antique shops, several restaurants, and wineries. Take a stroll down to the Katy Trail or grab your bike for a trek along the tree lined and rocky bluff trail along the Missouri River. Rocheport has one of the most photographed portions of the trail with the old Train Tunnel which adds charm and history to this trail which is 240 miles long for those seeking great adventures. No matter the distance you travel on the trail, you are sure to enjoy the view and the experience.

If you want to take a drive into the city, Columbia is twenty minutes to the east and Kansas City is less than two hours to your west. Giving you the ability to take in the tranquility of

small town living where creativity flows knowing everything and anything you could want is a short drive away.

\$2,200 per month. Available as soon as October. Please contact Andrea via email at aqjira@yahoo.com or by cell at 573-808-4724.

Juried BOMH Jewelry artist Andrea Quiroz Jira



• **BLUESTEM MISSOURI CRAFTS GALLERY FOR SALE**




Bluestem Missouri Crafts - Started by five women back in 1983, celebrating 42 years in business this September. The longtime downtown tradition began with a simple goal: open a venue for artisans to show and market their work. Today the gallery showcases fine crafts in wood, clay, metal, glass, textiles and more created by over 300 regional artists. You can find a wide range of items include functional and decorative pieces for unique gifts and home/office decor.

Bluestem carries the work year-round from Missouri artists, and artists in the surrounding 8 states. Each artist's body of work is juried in by the business partners. Selections reflect craftsmanship, uniqueness and price.

The key to success for this long running small business, is that the owners have always been artists themselves. Now it is time to pass the baton as Bluestem seeks someone to pass the baton too. The ideal person, persons...would be creative, passionate about the arts and artists, as well as the community, with a dedication nurture and grow this connection that has become so much a part of Downtown Columbia.

Interested parties may contact the gallery for more information.

13 South 9th Street, Columbia, MO, United States, Missouri

- 
- (573) 442-0211
- 
- office@bluestemcrafts.com
- 
- bluestemcrafts.com

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Julie Graden

Cal Lyon

Claude Bennett / ALL N ALL ART COMPANY LLC

Sheri Williams / Glass Creations 4 U

Bailey Bradshaw / Bailey Bradshaw

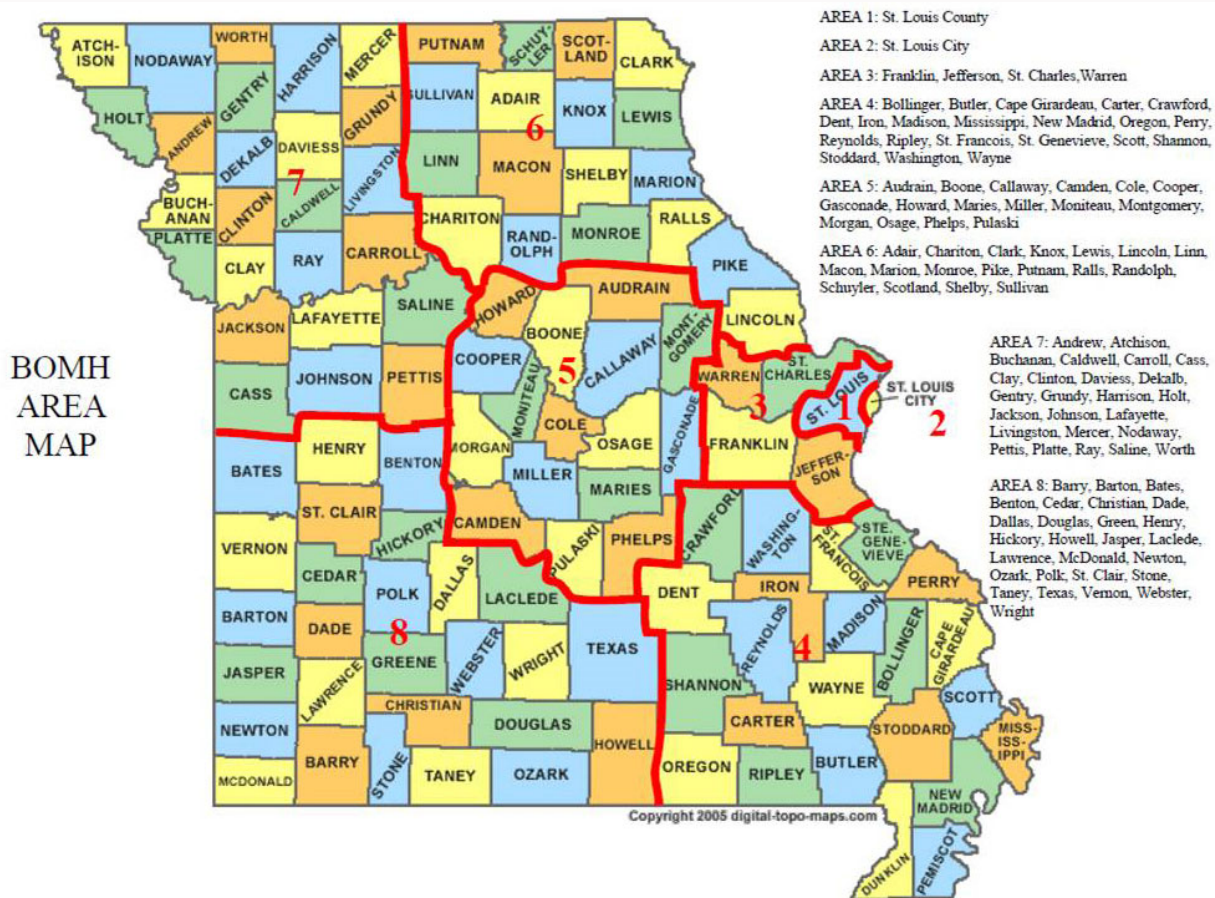
Cheryle Constien / Cheryl Constien

Martha Hartle / Free Spirit Studio

Jen Buist / MARA ART STUDIOS, LLC

Thomas Herbst / Thomas Herbst Photography

Jessica Martinez / Eeire Bits



MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN: Total Members 505

169 General Members / 18 Corporate-Gallery Members / 12 Educators

8 Studio Artists / 299 Juried Members

MEMBERSHIP BY REGION

Region 1 - 79 Members / Region 2 - 58 Members / Region 3 - 76 Members

Region 4 - 35 Members / Region 5 - 78 Members / Region 6 - 14 Members

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

BOMH ON THE ROAD

Columbia, MO







AWARD WINNERS

Thank you to the Columbia Art League for a great venue to host the Best of Missouri Hands "On The Road" exhibit. We appreciate their hospitality which allowed us to showcase the work of our talented artists.

Shout out to Amy Meyer who graciously judged our exhibit. Amy is a painter and works for the Sager Reeves Gallery in Columbia where her work can be found.

Congratulations to the following BOMH artists who were awarded a ribbon and cash prizes for their entries.

1st place: Lisa Hilton - Living in My Heart \$250

2nd place: Veronica Brown - Goat of Many Colors \$200

3rd place: Fred Schollmeyer - Daylight Again \$125

Honorable Mention:

Debbie Reed - Showing My True Colors \$50

Angel Brame - Dial It In \$50



TOP SALES

Congratulations to juried BOMH painter, Grant Kniffen, who sold two of his paintings during the "On The Road" exhibit at the Columbia Art League, totaling \$5,000.

TO BE ANNOUNCED

**BOMH will be offering a second opportunity to exhibit
with your fellow members this year.**

"ON THE ROAD"

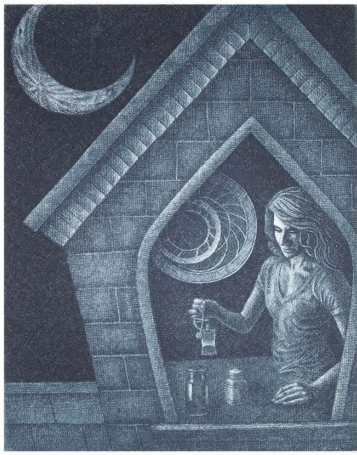
Chillicothe, MO

**DATE AND INFORMATION
TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON**

EVENTS

WORKSHOPS

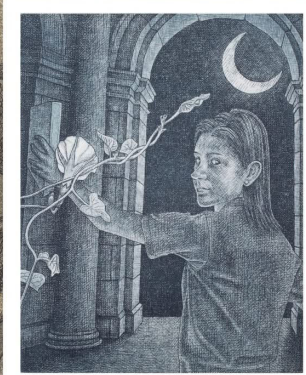
CALLS FOR ART



Donuts, Coffee, and Printmaking with Kristen McMillion

May 17
9:30am-10:30am

Register Online
stlouisartistsguild.org/education



On May 17 (The 3rd Sat. Of May) from 9:30-10:30am, Kristen McMillion will share her intaglio printmaking process. Kristen has been obsessed with printmaking for the past 15 years and constantly has multiple prints in progress at any given time. Kristen will be sharing some of her intaglio prints from the last 2 years, including mezzotinted engravings and copper etchings. Her work incorporates a wide range of subjects from florals to figures in surreal locations and landscapes. She will demonstrate how to engrave a copper plate using a burin and how to ink up and print an intaglio plate. Join us to learn about Kristen's rich, deeply detailed imagery, process, techniques, and her enthusiasm for printmaking.

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Preregistration Required - \$10

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Register online by visiting this link: <http://www.stlouisartistsguild.org/donuts-coffee-and-printmaking>



**HERMANN
BRANCH**

ADULT/YOUNG ADULT/CHILDREN

STUDIO:
Plein Air Painting
with Catherine
Mahoney

**the
gallery**
at the library

ADULT/YOUNG ADULT (Limit 8):
Wednesday, May 21, 8:30-10:30am

CHILDREN (Limit 8):
Thursday, May 22, 3:30-5:30pm

Join us for a fun-filled outdoor painting
adventure with Catherine Mahoney.

RSVP today: Call 573-486-2024, stop by the branch, or register online.

Explore the Art of Plein Air Painting with Catherine Mahoney!

Join local artist Catherine Mahoney for an inspiring outdoor painting session where nature becomes your studio! Whether you're an experienced painter or just getting started, this hands-on class will guide you through techniques in composition, color blending, and perspective—all while surrounded by the beauty of the outdoors.

All supplies provided—just bring your creativity!

Adult Session: May 21 | 8:30–10:30 AM

Register Here <https://bit.ly/43QeXMR>

Kids Session: May 22 | 3:30–5:30 PM

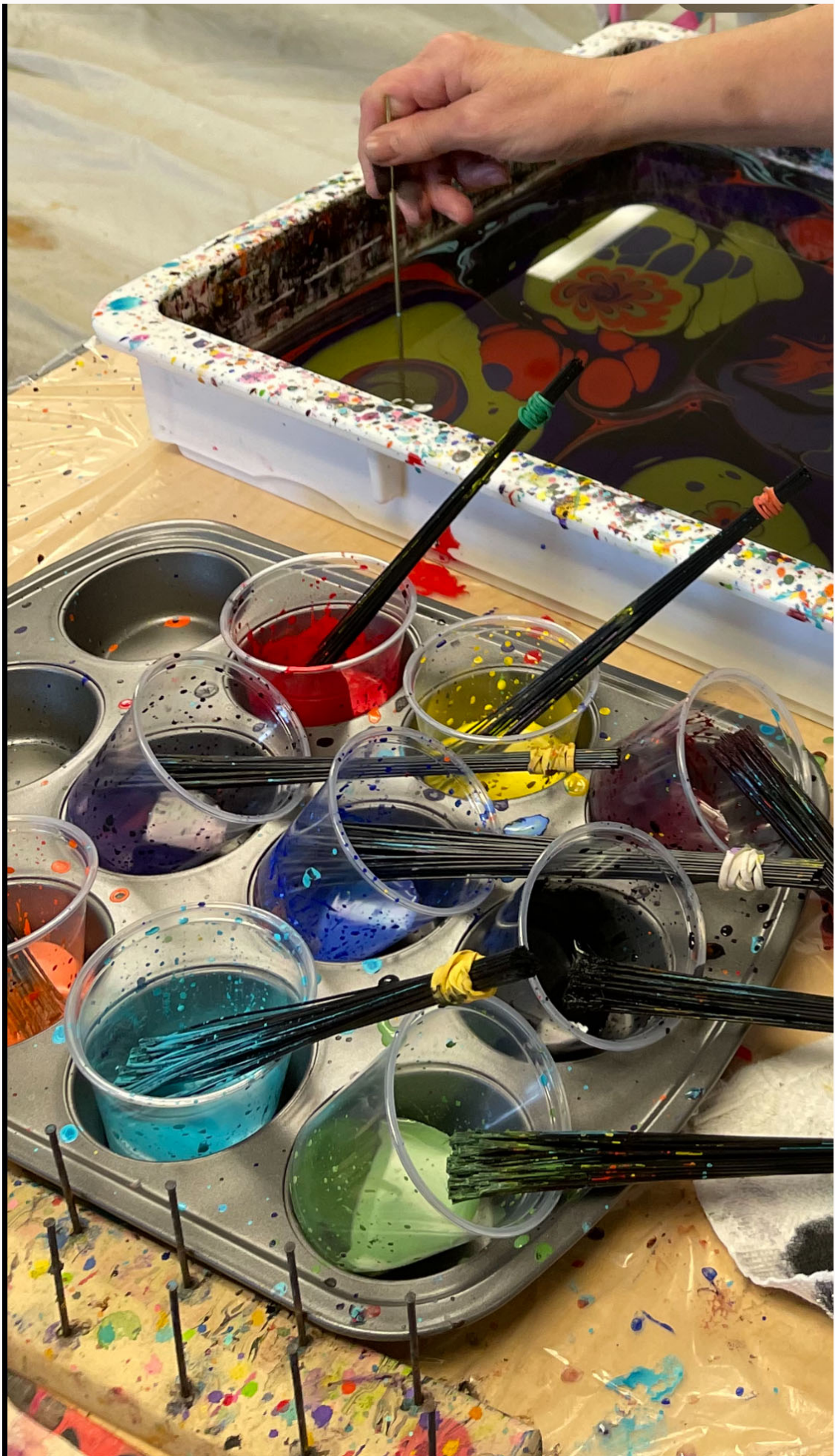
Register Here <https://bit.ly/4i8ztM8>

Don't miss this chance to create art en plein air!



I am sure some of you have seen this online. I am on the Special District Board for the Delmar Loop and have been pushing for more arts related activities. This is a new event and a great breakthrough to get things moving again on Delmar! The event is being held the same weekend as the Mural festival and will be heavily marketed. If you know of any newbie artists; either those right out of school, a second career, a hobby , or creative juices flowing in retirement, this is for you! We are also planning on have a small mix of more seasoned artists, space permitting. Plan to attend this special event May 31, 2025

BOMH Gallery Member Renau Bozarth



PIGMENTS AND PAPER- A MAKERS JOURNEY

June 13-14, 2025 / 9:00-4:00 both days

"Join me in a 2-day immersive workshop where creativity and craftsmanship come together. In "Pigments & Paper: A Makers Journey", you'll discover the art of making handmade watercolor paints from natural pigments and learn the skill of creating your own custom-bound watercolor book. Whether you are an artist, a craft enthusiast or simply curious, this workshop offers hands-on experience, inspiration and the joy of turning raw materials into beautiful, functional art. Embark on this creative journey and leave with your own unique paints and a handmade watercolor book, ready to capture new stories and ideas.

ALL SUPPLIES AND MEALS INCLUDED

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1129740106069?aff=oddtcreator>

PAPER MARBLING EXPERIENCE

July 12, 2025 (1/2 Day) 8:30-1:30 pm

August 9, 2025 (Full Day) 9:00-4:00 pm

Please join me for a day-long Paper Marbling experience. I will have your papers prepped and ready to go. I will provide breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Drinks will also be provided. **Please advise me of any food allergies.**

I'm a local artist with over fifteen years of paper marbling experience. This experience will be held in my home studio, located in South City, St. Louis, MO.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1112032712779?aff=oddtcreator>

STORY THREADS

November 9, 2025 / 9:00-4:00 pm / Meals included

Join me for *Story Threads*, a unique one-day workshop where art meets storytelling and craftsmanship transforms into wearable beauty. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn to create a charming mini book necklace, perfect as a personal keepsake or a one-of-a-kind gift.

Under my guidance, you'll explore techniques for crafting miniature book pages, binding them with care and assembling them into a tiny, functional book. Then, take your creation further by transforming it into a pendant, turning your miniature masterpiece into an elegant necklace. Add

personal touches, embellishments, and creative details that make your mini book truly your own.

Walk away with your very own mini book necklace- a piece of art you can wear proudly and share as a conversation starter.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1129782603179?aff=oddtcreator>

All Three Workshops led by...

BOMH Member JoAnna Jackson

MAKE ART WORK

Artist INC Express is a slimmed down, yet still highly active, version of the popular eight-week Artist INC Live program, which has been completed by more than 2,000 artists since 2009. Artist INC Express explores those same core concepts of how to build a lasting arts practice in a shorter, more flexible format, to help reach a broader audience of artists.

Led by a team of experienced, working artists, this hands-on workshop helps artists like you address specific needs and challenges that you'll face throughout your career. Through discussions, activities, and hands-on exercises, your artist-facilitators, and your new network of peer artists, will help you set goals for your practice, write about your work, and build a personal brand.

Upcoming Artist INC Express Program

Artist INC Express- Cape Girardeau, MO

Cape Girardeau, MO (in-person)

June 7-8, 2025, 12:00pm-5:00pm CST

CONTACT US

artistservices@maaa.org



**SCAN TO
LEARN MORE**
artistinc.art



Artist INC Express helps artists, of any discipline, develop the building blocks for a thriving and enduring arts practice.

If you sign on for Artist INC Express, you are asked to commit to the entire ten-hour workshop, as exercises build on one another and as participants develop deep relationships with their fellow artists over the three sessions. Be ready to participate throughout in group discussions, hands-on exercises, and small group work.

And just know, it's not over when it's over. Right away, Artist INC Express activates a network of artists in your community, leading to more peer-to-peer resource sharing, collaborations, and support long after the workshop concludes.

Join us June 7-8. Cost: \$0

Register at [https://www.maaa.org/event/artist-inc-express-Cape Girardeau-mo-in-person/](https://www.maaa.org/event/artist-inc-express-Cape-Girardeau-mo-in-person/)

BOMH Corporate Member Art Council of Southeast Missouri

The poster for the Creve Coeur Plein Air Art Event features a dark, atmospheric painting of a landscape with trees and a building in the background. Overlaid on this is a large, stylized red ribbon award with the word 'AWARDS' in white. To the right of the ribbon, the prize amounts are listed in bold black text: 'BEST IN SHOW • \$750', 'FIRST RUNNER UP • \$500', and 'HONORABLE MENTION • \$250'. Below these, in a red serif font, it says '100% of sales go directly to artists!'. At the bottom, a photograph shows the backs of several people looking at framed art pieces on a gallery wall. A dark purple banner at the very bottom contains the text 'Artist Registration: www.crevecoeurmo.gov/PleinAir' in white and yellow.

**CREVE COEUR
PLEIN AIR**
— ART EVENT —

AWARDS

BEST IN SHOW • \$750

FIRST RUNNER UP • \$500

HONORABLE MENTION • \$250

**100% of sales go
directly to artists!**

Artist Registration: www.crevecoeurmo.gov/PleinAir

Artist registration is now open for this year's Creve Coeur Plein Air Art Event! The Creve Coeur Arts Committee is proud to host its 2nd Annual Plein Air Art Event from September 6 through September 11,

2025. Participating artists will set up their easels outside and paint the beautiful landscapes of Creve Coeur!

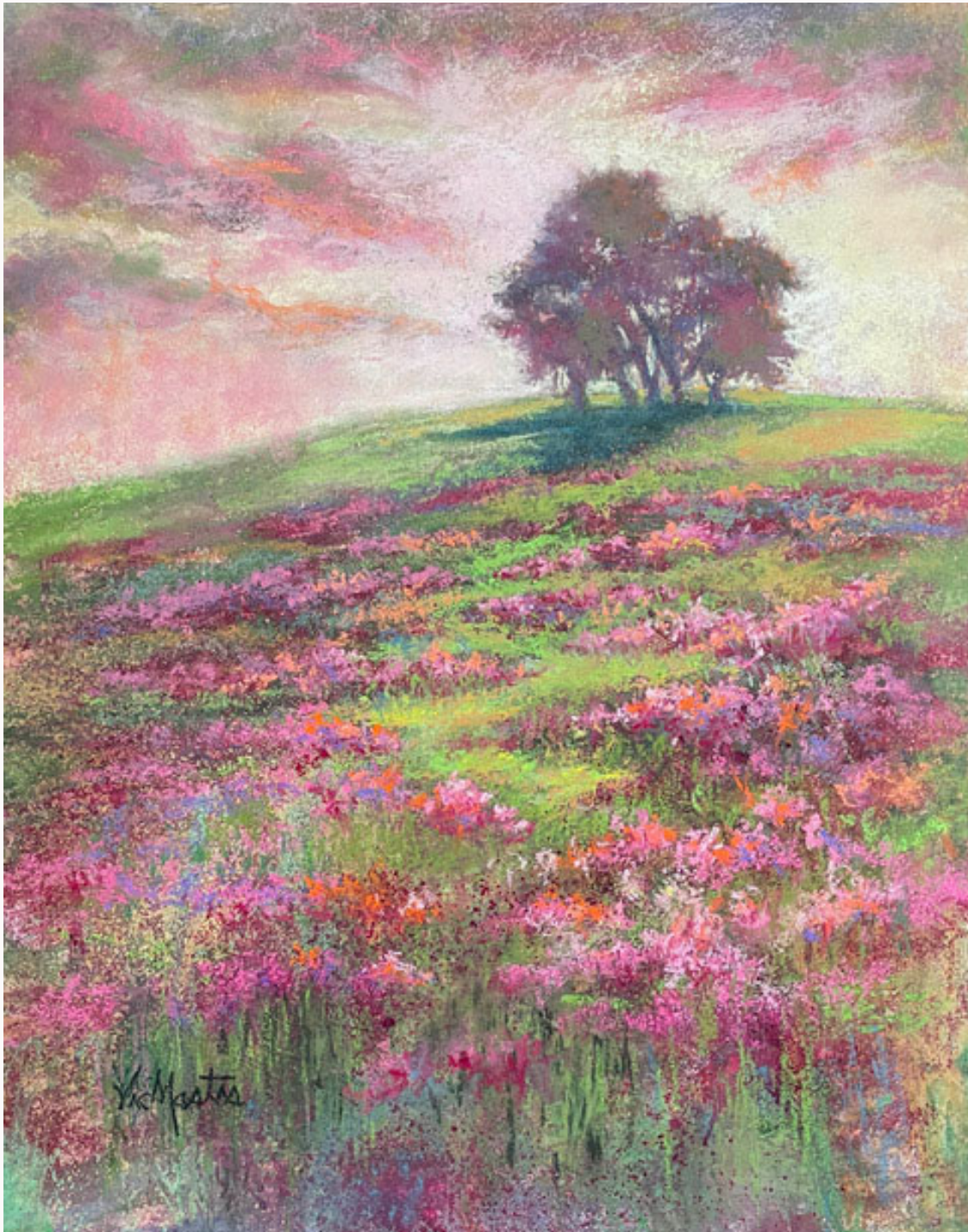
The event will conclude on Thursday, September 11, with a display of all the submitted paintings during an evening reception in the historic Tappmeyer Homestead, located in Millennium Park (2 Barnes West Dr., Creve Coeur, MO 63141). The reception will be open to the public from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The community is invited to view the submitted paintings—many of which will be available for purchase, with 100% of sales going directly to the artists.

The reception will coincide with the final summer concert of the season in Millennium Park from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy your favorite hits from the '70s and '80s performed by the Jason Nelson Band! Kiwanis will have barbecue, chips and soda for sale.

Juried BOMH Sculptor Lisa Hilton

Hilton Studios, LLC

314-265-7826



Exploring Pastels: A Beginner's Journey

We will start with basic information about pastel, then experiment with using different papers, pastels and methods to start a pastel painting. With different exercises, you will be creating harmony by using color families and composition. You will paint at least three paintings. Lots of one-on-one instruction. Class limit: 8 includes all the supplies. FMI or to register: 314/402-

1959 <https://www.vicmastisart.com/workshop/20201/exploring-pastels-a-beginners-journey>

Teacher: Vic Mastis, Aps, Maps, Mvis, Psa, Bomh

Dates: Saturday, July 26 & Sunday, July 27, 2025 - (2 days)
Location: Branson, Missouri
Times: 9:30am - 3:30pm
Cost: \$195 - Supplies and Lunch each day is included

Juried BOMH Painter Vic Mastis / 314-402-1959
www.VicMastisArt.com



Pastel Magic: From Mundane to Masterful - 3 Day Workshop

Take your pastels to a new level as we do a deep dive into painting with pan pastels and explore new mixed media ideas. The exercises will help to reinforce shape and negative shape thinking. Learn how brayer painting and stencils will help enhance your paintings and set them apart from the mundane. All supplies will be provided. FMI or to register: **314/402-**

1959. <https://www.vicmastisart.com/workshop/36169/pastel-magic-from-mundane-to-masterful>

Teacher: Vic Mastis, Aps, Maps, Mvis, Psa, Bomh

Dates: Friday, August 1 thru Sunday, August 3, 2025 - (3 Days)

Where: Branson, Missouri

Cost: \$300 (for all 3 days) - most supplies and lunch included each day



Art of the Ozarks: Fine Art Fair is a celebration of creativity and community hosted by [Formed: An Artist Collective. 2025](#) marks our third annual event, and we're ready to showcase the incredible talent we have in the Ozarks.

The beauty and history of our region have inspired generations of artistry. This fine art fair is our vision for bridging the creative community across the Ozarks.

Art of the Ozarks 2025 will be held on November 21st & 22nd at the Springfield Expo Center:

635 E Saint Louis St, Springfield, MO 65806

ARTISTS APPLY HERE....<https://www.artoftheozarks.com/artists>

NEWS FROM MISSOURI LIFE MAGAZINE

NEW BOMH MEMBER BENEFIT

Starting with the June issue of Missouri Life magazine, all BOMH members will be gifted an on-going free digital edition subscription to Missouri Life. The digital edition is an exact replica of the print issue, but with these features:

- user-friendly readers. The digital edition can be easily accessed by web browser, tablet, or mobile device and fully responsive to whatever format users access it from.
- Read-aloud (or text-to-speech) and font sizing controls, which meets the highest accessibility standards.

You will receive an email invite from BOMH to opt in to the Missouri Life Magazine Digital Edition. Of course, you can cancel at any time, with 30-days notice (to give MLM time to implement cancellation.)

Here is a recent issue for review...[Digital Issue](#)

FULL PAGE ARTIST FEATURE

Missouri Life is pleased to run "sponsored content" in the form of a story on a juried member on one page in every issue. BOMH will cover all fees for this artist spotlight and have committed to doing this for eight issues. Missouri Life magazine is published **eight times a year**, with issues appearing in January/February, March/April, May, June, July/August, September, October, and November/December. This results in a mix of monthly and bimonthly publications

To submit your name for consideration you must be a juried member of the BOMH. As well as...

1. Have an updated BOMH juried member page.... a detailed bio, image of you the artist, and at least 10 images of your work.
2. A BUSINESS page on Social Media, Facebook or Instagram. Other platforms are also accepted...TikTok, YouTube, if promoting your artwork.
3. You must be active on your Social Media platform.

Please provide links to your Social Media and a link to your website if you have one. Also list how you actively sell your art work...website, gallery, retail shop, art shows, exhibits.

Send information to [kimberhaw@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmerhaw@yahoo.com) or to admin@bestofmissourihands.com. Please put BOMH: Missouri Life in the subject line. Artists meeting the criteria will be forwarded to Missouri Life for final vetting. Selected artists will be interviewed by a writer from Missouri Life by phone or zoom. Artist will be asked to provide an image of themselves and a couple images of their artwork for use in the one page feature.

This is an excellent reason to log in and update your juried member pages if you haven't done so in a while.

MISSOURI LIFE MERCANTILE

The Missouri Life Magazine has a Mercantile located in its offices in Rocheport, MO. Here you can find many pieces by BOMH artists. The Mercantile is now buying Missouri made art and products wholesale. Any members who offers wholesale prices and would like to sell at the Mercantile, you should can email inquiries to Missouri Life.

info@missourilife.com

Visit the Mercantile shop online... <https://missouri-life-mercantile.square.site>



ATTENTION BOMH MEMBERS....Missouri Life Magazine wants to make sure we are familiar with this opportunity for Missouri artists and crafters. Missouri Life Magazine has partnered with BuyMO to feature four to six participants in the program from around the state, in each edition of the magazine. They balance that out by region of the state and type of products. Most features are very limited, but one BUY MO member is always a two-page feature.

Here's what you need to know...

About the Buy Missouri Program

The Office of Lieutenant Governor created the Buy Missouri economic development initiative to actively promote the products that are grown, manufactured, processed, and/or made in Missouri.

The Buy Missouri program is also intended to promote tourism, business, and economic development through showcasing and promoting Missouri-made products and businesses. The more we support and buy Missouri products, the better our entire state will do. Missouri has hundreds of products made within our borders.

Our goal is to identify and compile these products so all Missourians, as well as the Nation will know about them. The Buy Missouri program currently has over 650 members, and that number is increasing all the time!

Sign Up Here...

<https://buymissouri.net/sign-up/>

BOMH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT WINNER REPORT



I want to take this opportunity to thank BOMH for selecting me as a recipient of the 2025 Professional Development Grant. What an honor! I used this grant to help me fulfill another honor that I received this year. Bonnie Gibson, a renowned gourd artist, has retired from teaching gourd art classes across the country. However, she wanted to share her knowledge of teaching, in the hope of sustaining the spread of gourding as an art. So she set up applications for gourd artist across the nation, choosing only thirteen, to attend a Teaching Academy at her home in Tuscon, Arizona. Aaaaand...I was chosen!

I spent five days with thirteen other talented artists, learning new techniques, exploring products, gaining tips for effective teaching, and absorbing all that these like-minded gourd artists had to share. I also got to visit the Wuertz Gourd Farm to choose canvases that I have only been able to order through the mail site unseen. These are the extra thick gourds that I use for deep carving that we can't grow in Missouri, as our weather and growing season aren't conducive to producing thick gourds. I was like a kid in a candy store! Now my goal is to teach the art of gourding, starting here in Missouri. I'll be leading two classes at the Show-Me Gourd Festival in Lebanon, Missouri on June 27th and 28th.

So again, thank you so much to The Best of Missouri Hands for helping to make this once in a lifetime opportunity possible.

Juried Mixed Media 3D artist Pat Berkbigler

Gourds by Pat Berkbigler

bestofmissourihands.org/pab2175

VISITING ARTIST PROGRAM



Thank you BEST of MISSOURI HANDS for sponsoring me to do an Artist talk and teach the Capital Garden Club a Watercolor lesson!

Juried BOMH Painter Janis Burgin

*NOTE:

How to Become a Visiting Artist:

Best of Missouri Hands asks our juried artists to participate in this program, either by finding a school or by answering a request. We hope to reach students all over the state, so we need the help of artists from all regions. Best of Missouri Hands uses money from our Missouri Arts Council grant to provide a \$100 stipend to the artist. If the artist supplies materials for a project, the artist will be reimbursed up to an additional \$100.

Contact:

Visiting Artists Program Chair Nina Miller

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ZOOM WORKSHOPS

MAY 20, 2025

10:00 AM



UPCOMING BOMH

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

MAY 20, 2025: Promoting you art with Social Media (Meta & Linktree) with Barbara Phillips at 10:00 am.

JUNE 10, 2025: Build Your Own Website with Wanda Tyner and Patty Muenks using platforms like Square, Shopify, Weebly and more. 10:00 am.

ALL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS CAN BE ACCESSED BY...

Joining Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89953420893?pwd=iU4ZvchWy2If905FUVPiYDRWHSJwhy.1>

Meeting ID: 899 5342 0893

Passcode: 178722

Most workshops are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. However, May's workshop is on the 3rd Tuesday.

*Workshops are recorded and published on the [BOMH YouTube Channel](#) within 48 hours of live event.

BOMH MONTHLY ARTIST TALK

FIRST TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH

10:00 AM

On the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am, the BOMH has a Zoom Meet Up for any and all members who just want to chit/chat about everything and anything. Join in on the conversation, everyone is welcome.

2025

Tuesday each month at 10:00 am

The link, meeting ID, and Passcode are the same every month for the Encouragement/Friendship Group Meetings.

Join Zoom Meeting


<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83830785340?pwd=WGQ3NDN3OCtMb1dpMmpudmhhRVhCZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3078 5340

Passcode: 306651

Additional dates for 2025: June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd.

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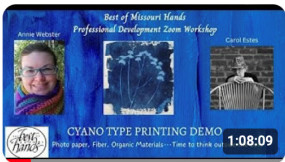
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You can catch up on past recordings from the Best of Missouri Hands Professional Development workshops.

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- Included with all Corporate Members on Corporate Members page of BOMH website.

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- Listed on BOMH email Newsletter with hyperlink to your website.
- Opportunity to sponsor events at ArtSmart Conference and Annual Membership Meeting.
- Ability to have your events publicized in periodic BOMH member emails free of charge (within policy guidelines).

For additional information please contact us at or join online at www.bestofmissourihands.org and click on the Memberships link.

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